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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In response to a telephone conversation with Examiner Sun on September 29, 2004, Applicant submits the following:

- A copy of a Response to Office Action filed by Applicant on April 9, 2004 in 1. response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2003, including a copy of the Petition for Extension of Time and check filed with the response, and a copy of the itemized return card filed with the response indicating that the Response to Office Action was received by the PTO.
- 2. A copy of a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed by the PTO on April 30, 2004, indicating that the Listing of Claims in the Response to Office Action filed on April 9, 2004 was incomplete.

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3. A copy of a Transmittal Letter, including a complete Listing of Claims, sent by Applicant on May 25, 2004 in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, and a copy of an itemized return card filed with the Transmittal Letter indicating that the Transmittal Letter and Listing of Claims was received by the PTO.

REMARKS

In a telephone conversation initiated by Examiner Sun on September 29, 2004, the Examiner indicated that no response to the Office Action of November 12, 2003 was received, thus the six month period in which to respond to the Office Action had expired. As evidenced by the enclosed documentation, Applicant timely responded to the Office Action of November 12, 2003, and timely responded to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 30, 2004. Thus, Applicant has timely responded to the Office Action of November 12, 2003, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the Applicant's already-filed Response to Office Action.

If the Examiner should have any further questions or require any additional infuriation, she may contact Applicant's counsel directly.

Acknowledgement of receipt is respectfully requested.

Respectfully/sgbmitted,

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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 30, 2004, Applicant herewith submits a complete listing of the claims as requested by the Legal Instruments Examiner. Applicant believes that this listing of claims places the previously submitted Amendment and Response to Office Action in compliance.

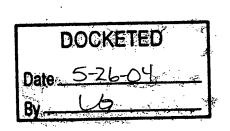
If the Legal Instruments Examiner has any further questions, he/she is invited to contact the Applicant's counsel listed below.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2003, please consider the

following:

The **Listing of Claims**, reflecting any amendments to the claims, begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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